

What is claimed is:

1. A mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA {Code Division Multiple Access} for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the mobile station comprising a switching unit for receiving code information for switching a first code, having been used, to a second code, receiving timing information regarding timing of switching the first code to the second code, and switching the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received,

wherein the timing information is used for switching the first code to the second code at a base station.

2. A radio communication method of mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising:

receiving code information for switching a first code, having been used, to a second code,

receiving timing information regarding timing of switching the first code to the second code, and

switching the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received,

wherein the timing information is used for switching the first code to the second code at a base station.